President to See Helms in C.I.A. Review; Ford Aide Vows 'No Whitewash'

[illegible] Secretary of State [illegible] Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger said that William E. Colby, the director of central intelligence, [illegible]

In his meeting with the President, Mr. Kissinger told [illegible] that he planned to meet with the State Department [illegible] meeting with Mr. Helms, who has been quoted as denying any involvement in "illegal" domestic activities.

Proxmire Statement

In a related development, Senator William [illegible] Proxmire, Democrat of Wisconsin, who disclosed last Sunday that he had received independent confirmation of the spying allegations, told newsmen today that he knew of no foreign intelligence factors behind the C.I.A.'s decision to begin compiling dossiers on nearly 10,000 antiwar leaders and other dissidents.

Ron Nessen, the White House press secretary, refused to say after today's series of Presidential meetings whether any [illegible] but he did say that the President planned to have his own investigation of the C.I.A.'s domestic activities completed by the middle of next week. The investigation, he said, "will establish the facts."

The seeming thrust of Mr. Nessen's remarks was that the President was not planning to accept at its face value a C.I.A. report on the spying, prepared and submitted 10 days ago by Mr. Colby.

"I think the Colby report did contain facts," Mr. Nessen said in response to questions, "but obviously the President wants to pursue the matter further."

Charter Violations

The New York Times, quoting well-placed government sources, reported on Dec. 22 that the C.I.A. had violated its charter by mounting a massive intelligence operation against the antiwar movement and other dissident groups during the late nineteen-sixties and early nineteen-seventies. The sources also said that a number of break-ins, wiretaps and other crimes were committed inside the United States by C.I.A. personnel in operations dating back to the nineteen-fifties.

On Wednesday government sources were quoted as saying that Mr. Colby's report to the President had confirmed that the agency maintained files on American citizens and had committed a series of domestic criminal acts. The sources said that Mr. Colby's report, however, did not include specific details about the nature of the crimes committed and dossiers maintained.

Under the 1947 National Security Act setting it up, the intelligence agency was barred from any domestic police activities or internal security functions. Those functions were to be left solely to the Federal Bureau of Invertigation.

Mr. Schlesinger's involvement in the Presidential meetings stems from his role, while serving briefly as Director of Central Intelligence early in 1973, in unraveling the illegal domestic operations.

Reliable sources have said that it was Mr. Schlesinger who first ordered an end to the domestic spying and the domestic file-keeping inside the agency. Mr. Schlesinger is also credited with ordering an end to all other illegal domestic activities. He has refused to comment on the current dispute.

Since the disclosure of the alleged domestic spying, at least four top aides in the C.I.A.'s Counterintelligence Division have resigned.

In his breakfast meeting with a group of newsmen today, Senator Proxmire said that he was able to confirm the allegations on the basis of "some people very close to the C.I.A." His information, which came from [illegible] more than one source, he said, indicated that the published accounts were not "exaggerated."

Told that many past and present C.I.A. officials were saying that any file-keeping on American citizens was necessarily related to foreign intelligence, the Wisconsin Democrat said:

"I presume that's what the C.I.A. might argue, but we don't have any basis for that. In fact, my information was that they [the domestic files] were connected with the antiwar movement."

"This isn't just a list of names," Mr. Proxmire added, "but it's much more complicated." As far as his sources have reported, he said, the file-keeping ended about two years ago.

It was about then, in February of 1973, that Mr. Helms was replaced by Mr. Schlesinger as head of the C.I.A.—after serving since 1966—and reassigned to Iran.